

MONTGOMERY COUNTY LEPC QUARTERLY MEETING: 10/20/21 NOTES

Meeting Location: Virtual Microsoft Teams

New Action Items:

Task	Responsible Party
None	None

Previous Action Items:

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None	None

New Business

OEMHS Updates – Mitch Dinowitz / Chuck Crisostomo

Getting back to some semblance of normalcy. OEMHS is still; supporting COVID response however staff are beginning to focus in on previous non-emergency roles.

Fire Rescue Hazmat Update – Battalion Chief Ivan Browning

Hazmat Calls for Service Since July: 42

Significant Incidents:

- Lithium-Ion Battery fire at Hazmat building on Transfer Station property. Contained to pallet.
- Overturned asphalt truck on I495 in area of Rockville Pike. Leak plugged by Hazmat Techs.
- Unknown Odor in Highrise Apartment Bldg with significant Oxygen level drops; After lengthy investigation, unable to reproduce scenario or determine source
- Significant diesel fuel leak from generator fuel tank into mechanical room of grocery store
- Residential gas leak with a broken Mercury Service Regulator inside the home; Limited metering and Washington Gas handled remediation
- Acetylene cylinder leak inside residence from HVAC technician work; hazard abated by first responders

Training - working on end of the year annual certification requirements along with some COG training initiatives

Admin

- Working on SOG updates
- Working on Hazmat Officer process and have several personnel continuing through the process

- No Hazmat Tech classes through our department at this time
- Looking at NFPA 470 "Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Standard for Responders" which goes into effect 2022. This basically consolidates multiple previous NFPA Hazmat items into 1 document and expands/updates many items.
- Looking at new NFPA 1891 "Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Hazardous Materials, CBRN, and Emergency Medical Operations Clothing and Equipment" and any affects it will have on our operations. Goes in-service 2022.

Equipment

- Received aerosol module for MX908 meter from COG; enhances team capability with regards to our high-pressure mass spectrometry metering

LEPC Core Group Update – Randy Norman

Nothing new to report, still looking for folks interested in the LEPC Core Group.

Speakers/Presentation

The National Capital Chapter to the Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professionals (AHMP) will be discussing 3 regulations that are relevant to our LEPC.

- Process Safety Management – This is an OSHA regulation when large quantities of hazardous chemicals are stored on-site that defines threshold levels and what needs to be done to assure facility and community safety. This allows companies and the communities to know how they are working together. Previous discussions at LEPC meetings had questions about what type of emergency response preparation is **required** by law and this talk will address this and other questions.
- Hazardous Waste e-manifests and Dealing with Hazardous Waste at your worksite. Many companies do not know if and when EPA regulations affect them, whether they qualify for Montgomery County's EcoWise program, or what the new e-manifest system is. This talk would increase awareness and help LEPC members manage their programs more efficiently
- Safe Drinking Water Act and Clean Water Act – This talk would explain the regulations around our water, both drinking and our rivers and bay. Does your water smelling bad mean it is unsafe?

The primary presenter will be long time LEPC member Bruce Donato who was part of the bylaws team. Mr. Donato is a principal with K&A First Aid and Safety a consulting group for safety and environmental compliance. Mr. Donato is a past president and chair of AHMP and active in 6 local environmental health and safety groups including the National Capital Chapter of AHMP. Mr. Donato has been recognized nationally as an expert in the field multiple times.

Presentations will be posted online.

Moving Forward

Next Meeting – Mitch Dinowitz

Next meeting will be January 19, 2022.

For topics or to host a meeting please contact Mitch Dinowitz